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Sir:

Applicant requests review of the final rejection. No amendments are being filed with this request. A notice of appeal accompanies this request.

Notwithstanding the remarks in the 02/24/06 Advisory Action, the reference fails to satisfy the claim limitation directed to the "tab," element 120 in the applicant's description of the invention. As set forth in detail on pages 6-8 in the 02/12/06 response after final, the locking piece 27D of Narisawa lacks the correspondence dictated by the language of the claims with the other components of the reference. Reconsideration is requested.

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